

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., Jun 3 3, 1899

Mr. T. Smith, Esq.,

Sect'y Pan-American Exposition ,

Buffalo, New York.

Referring to your letter of the 1st ultimo, in reference to medal
be prepared, authorized to be struck by Section 5, act of March 3,
1899, you are respectfully informed that the first steps to be taken
by your committee is the selection of the design for the medal.
It is the desire of the committee that the dies for the medal should
be prepared by the Engraver of the Mint, designs should be submitted
as early as practicable.

The dies for the medal of award for the world's fair were
prepared by the engraver of the mint, while the dies for the Atlanta
and Omaha expositions were prepared by outside parties and manufactur
ed by them .

The exposition would be charged with the exact cost of prepa-
tion of dies also the cost of the medals struck . The medals not

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to be over $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" in diameter. I would suggest as to the design
your committee confer with the Engraver at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

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